

HA-1404

c. 1877

S. A. Williams Tenant House #1  
24 E. Gordon Street  
Bel Air  
private

This plain little tenant house was built around 1877 by Stevenson A. Williams. It appears on the 1878 Map. It is virtually unchanged over the years and is more reminiscent of the country than the village.

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c. 1880

S. A. Williams Tenant House #2  
26 E. Gordon Street  
Bel Air  
private

This cottage was probably originally like its neighbor on the rear of the lot, although evidence in the second story suggests that it may have been one and a half stories tall. It has received more attention over the years - a bay window on the west side and a dining room addition on the rear - so that it now wears a middle class aspect.

# MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

HA-1404 (#24)  
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HA-1405 (#26)  
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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

### 1 NAME

HISTORIC  
S. A. Williams Tenant Houses  
AND/OR COMMON

### 2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER  
24, 26 E. Gordon 1st  
CITY, TOWN CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
Bel Air  
STATE VICINITY OF COUNTY  
Maryland Harford

### 3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

### 4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME  
Miss Mary Hall Telephone #: 838-4867  
STREET & NUMBER  
53 E. Broadway  
CITY, TOWN STATE, zip code  
Bel Air Maryland 21014

### 5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.  
Harford County Courthouse  
STREET & NUMBER  
Main Street  
CITY, TOWN STATE  
Bel Air Maryland

Liber #: 265  
Folio #: 327

### 6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

## 7 DESCRIPTION

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### CONDITION

—EXCELLENT  
☒GOOD #26  
☒FAIR #24

—DETERIORATED  
—RUINS  
—UNEXPOSED

### CHECK ONE

—UNALTERED  
☒ALTERED (both)

### CHECK ONE

☒ORIGINAL SITE (both)  
—MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

#### 24 E. Gordon:

This two story, two bay tenant house is at the north end of the lot at 24 E. Gordon in the Town of Bel Air, Harford County, Maryland. It is shiplap-sided and has a rolled tin gable roof with a plain capped center chimney. It has 6/6 windows, a one story shed-roofed board and batten kitchen addition on the east elevation and a shed-roofed front porch on plain posts. Two doors are in the first story front (south) elevation. This is basic tenant housing, little changed.

#### 26 E. Gordon:

This two story, two bay clapboard house is on the south portion of the same lot, facing Gordon Street. With the same basic ingredients as #24, it is a charming little cottage. Its gable roof is of slate. It has a hexagonal single story bay window on the west elevation and a shed roofed kitchen and diningroom addition to the rear (north). Another room (furnace room) is behind that, to the west. The first story windows are 6/6. The second story rear windows are 6/3 and those in front are pairs of 2 pane casements. That and the slope of the roof inside the two upstairs rooms suggests a 1½ story house inadequately raised to 2 stories.

The entrance is in the middle of the front (south) elevation. It is shaded by a one bay, shed-roofed porch carried on stock turned posts and having a balustrade of plain square balusters. Access is from the west side up three steps.

The house is two rooms wide. The east chamber is the parlor and the west chamber is the master bedroom. North of the bedroom is a cramped dog-leg enclosed staircase and a bathroom. A small hall leads to the kitchen (on the north) and the dining room, behind the parlor. The walls and ceiling of the dining room are of tongue and groove.

Upstairs are two minute bedrooms with steeply sloping walls. The east chamber has built-in cupboards and a window seat of tongue and groove.

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**8 SIGNIFICANCE**NA-1404  
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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES before 1878; c. 1880's BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

There are two small houses on this lot; #26 (nearest the street) is the later and more elegant of the two. Taking its style and its similarity to #30 next door, it was probably built in the 1880's. It was there in 1904; it is on the Sanborn Map of that year. #24 (on the north end of the lot) is the older. It is on the 1878 Map. It belonged to Stevenson A. Williams. Williams acquired the lease after a lawsuit, Phoenix Building Association vs. William B. Jarrett and Joseph E. Bateman, in 1876. #24 may have been built by Bateman between 1868 when he leased the lot and 1876. If not, Williams built both. #26 was probably built shortly after 1878.

The 1920 Tax Assessment shows the houses were owned by Williams and Stevenson Archer of John, a seeming impossibility unless they were held by Williams in trust since Stevenson Archer of John died in 1848 (Williams himself was not born until 1851). Williams' mother was Harriet Hays Archer Williams, the daughter of Stevenson Archer of John.

Carl F. Ayres acquired the lease from Williams' executor in 1938 (253/335) and the fee from Charles & Emily Galloway in 1939 (255/63). Miss Mary Hall is the present owner.

#24 has changed very little over time. Houses like it can be found in all the woodland states, more often in rural areas. #26 has acquired a pretty little bay window and a rear shed addition, the last in place by 1930. These additions made it middle class housing.

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## 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

1878 Map  
1904, 1930 Sanborn Maps  
Bel Air Tax Assessment, 1920  
Portraits in the Courthouse

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## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

### VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

This property occupies parcel #521 in the Town of Bel Air-

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Marilynn Larew, Architectural Historian

28 November 1979

ORGANIZATION

Town of Bel Air

DATE

838-8700

STREET & NUMBER

39 Hickory Avenue

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Bel Air

STATE

Maryland

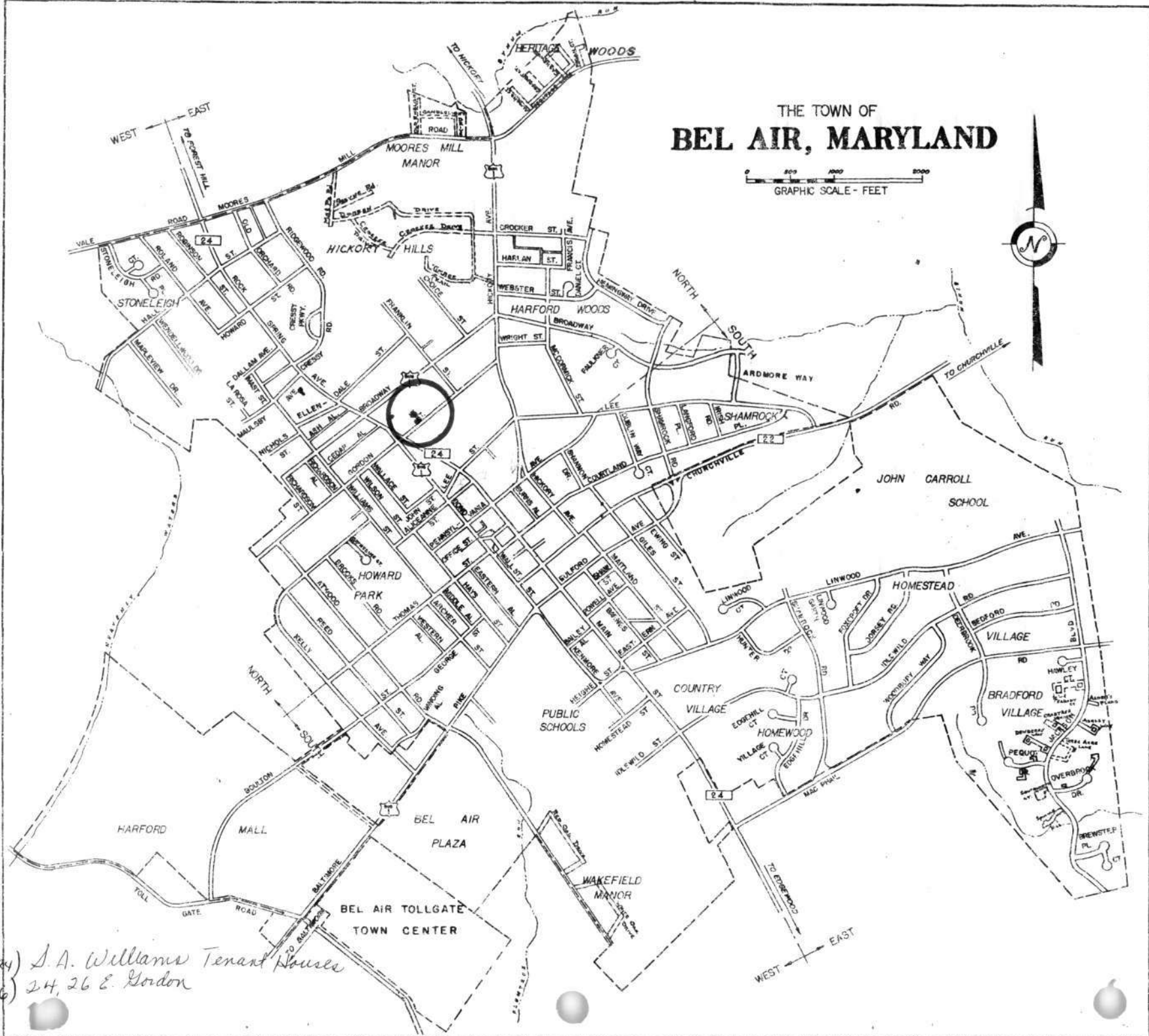
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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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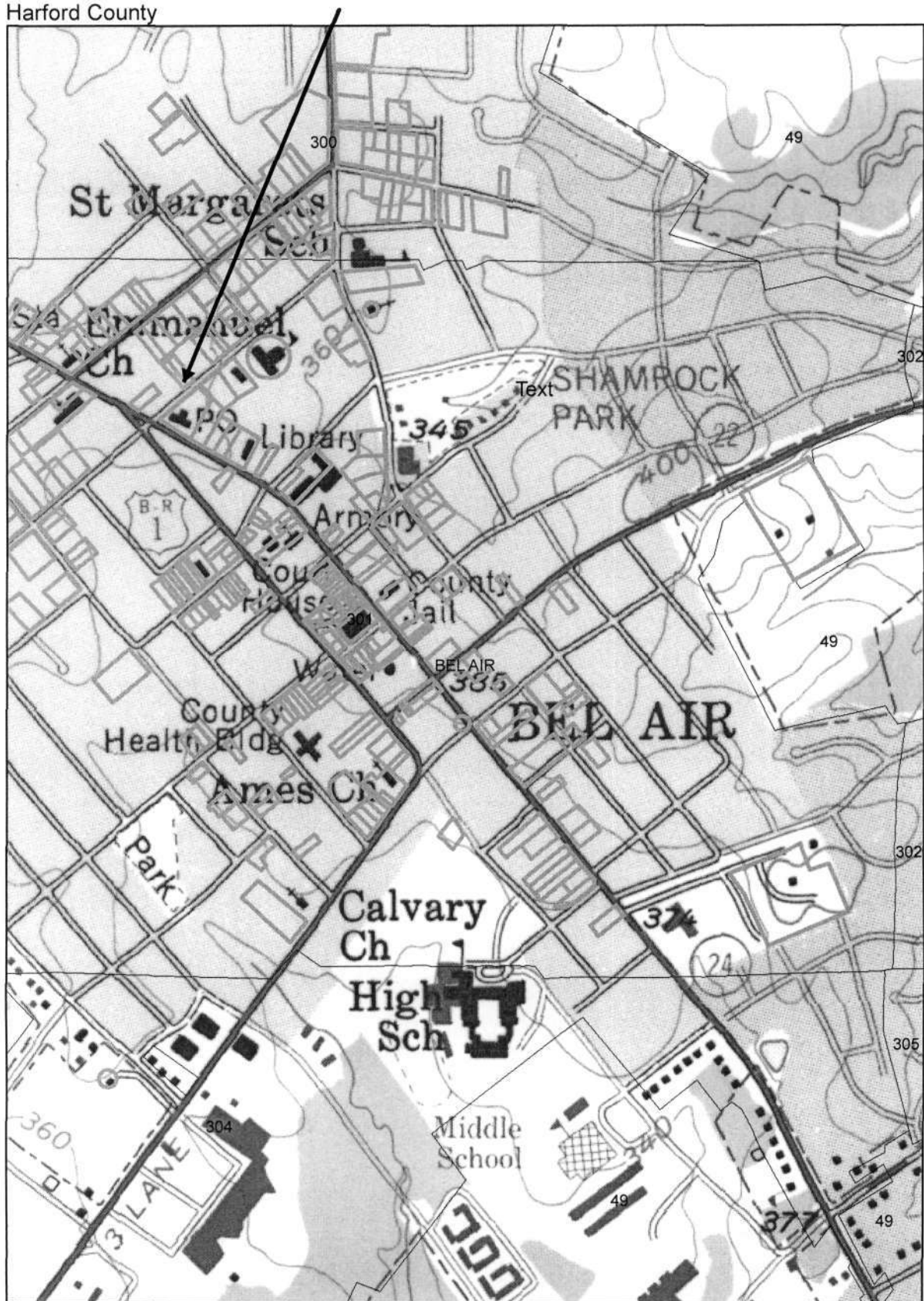
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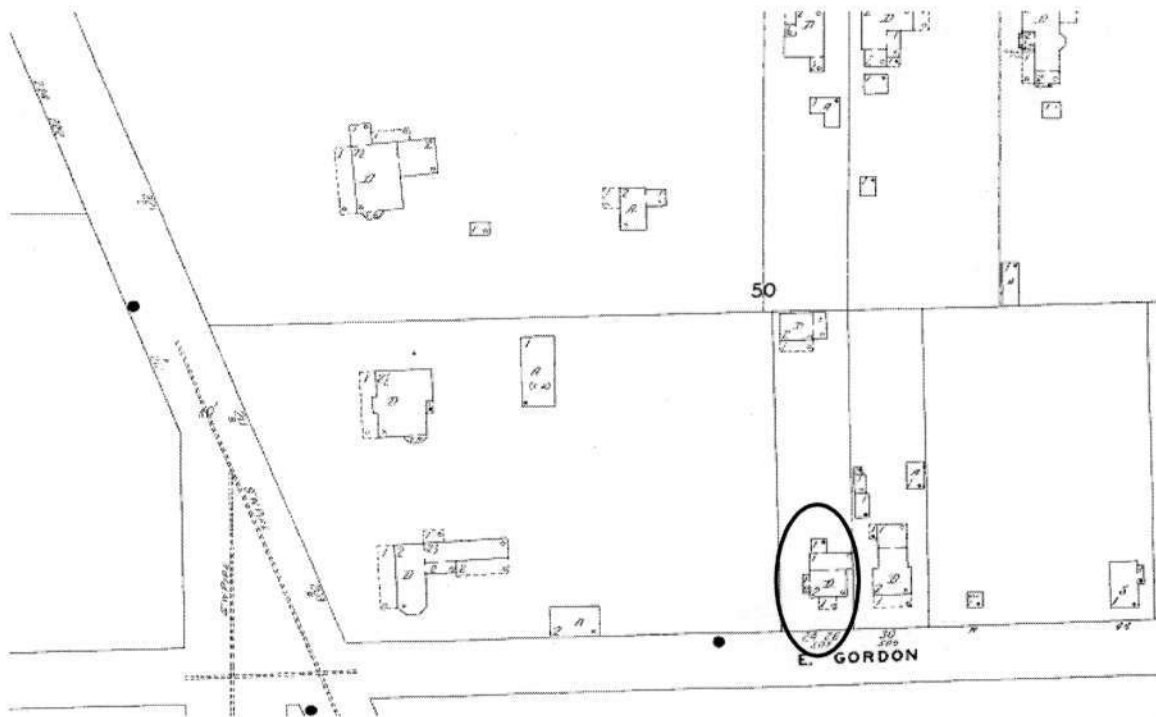


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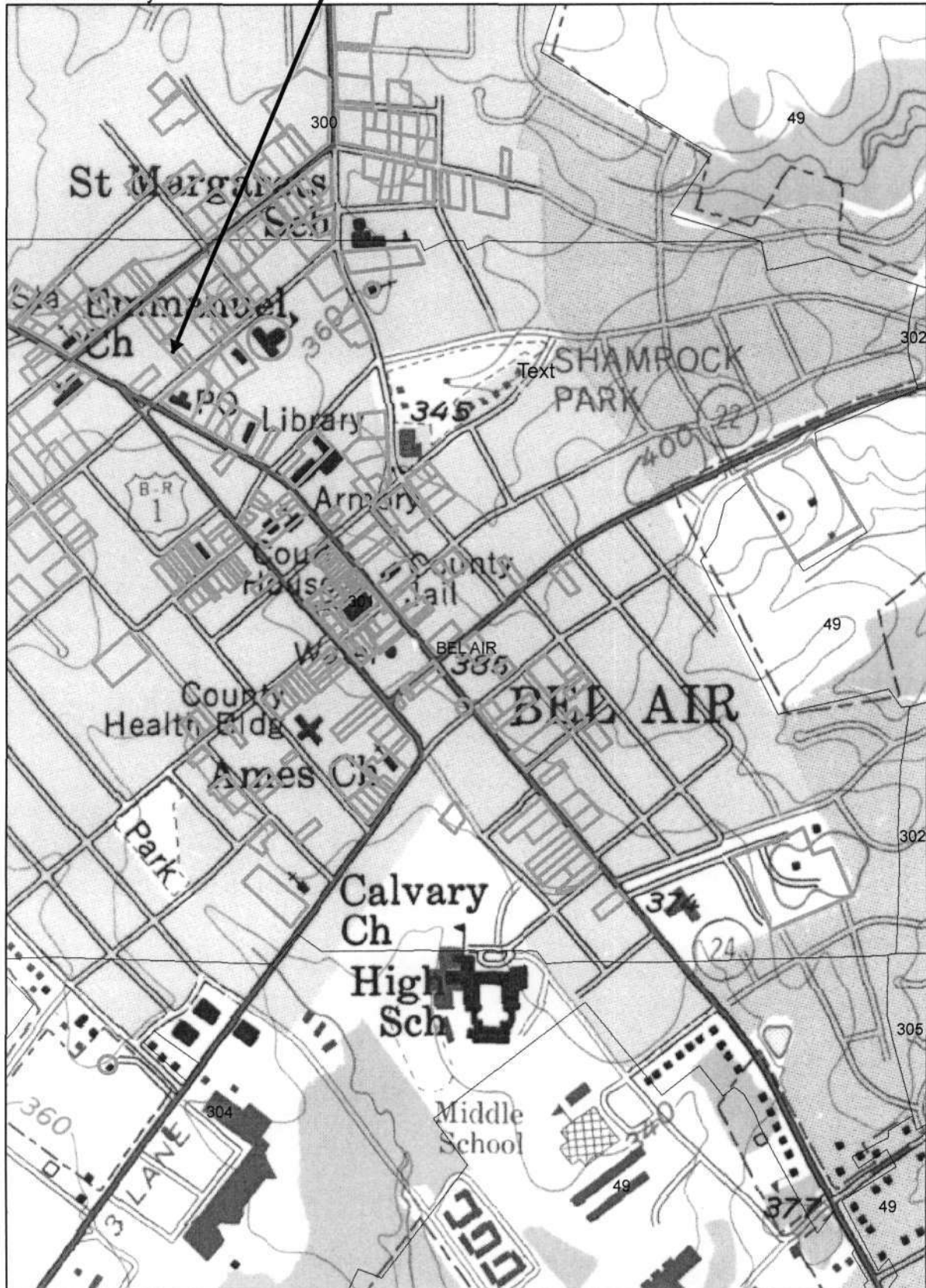




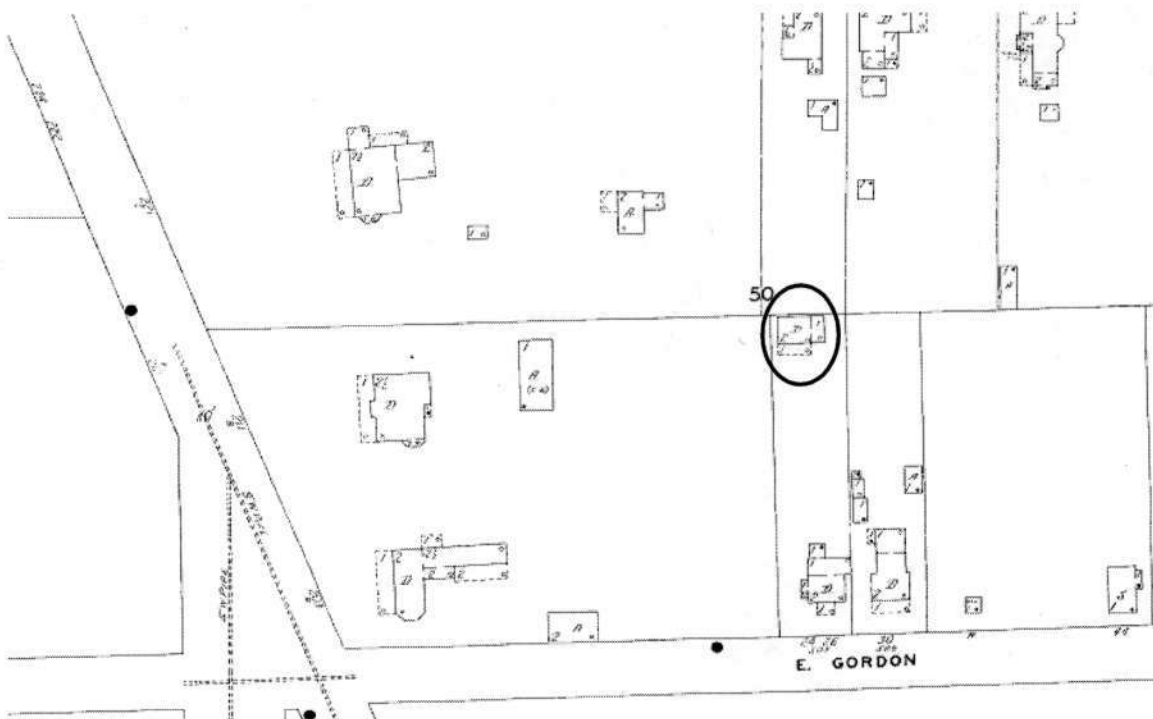
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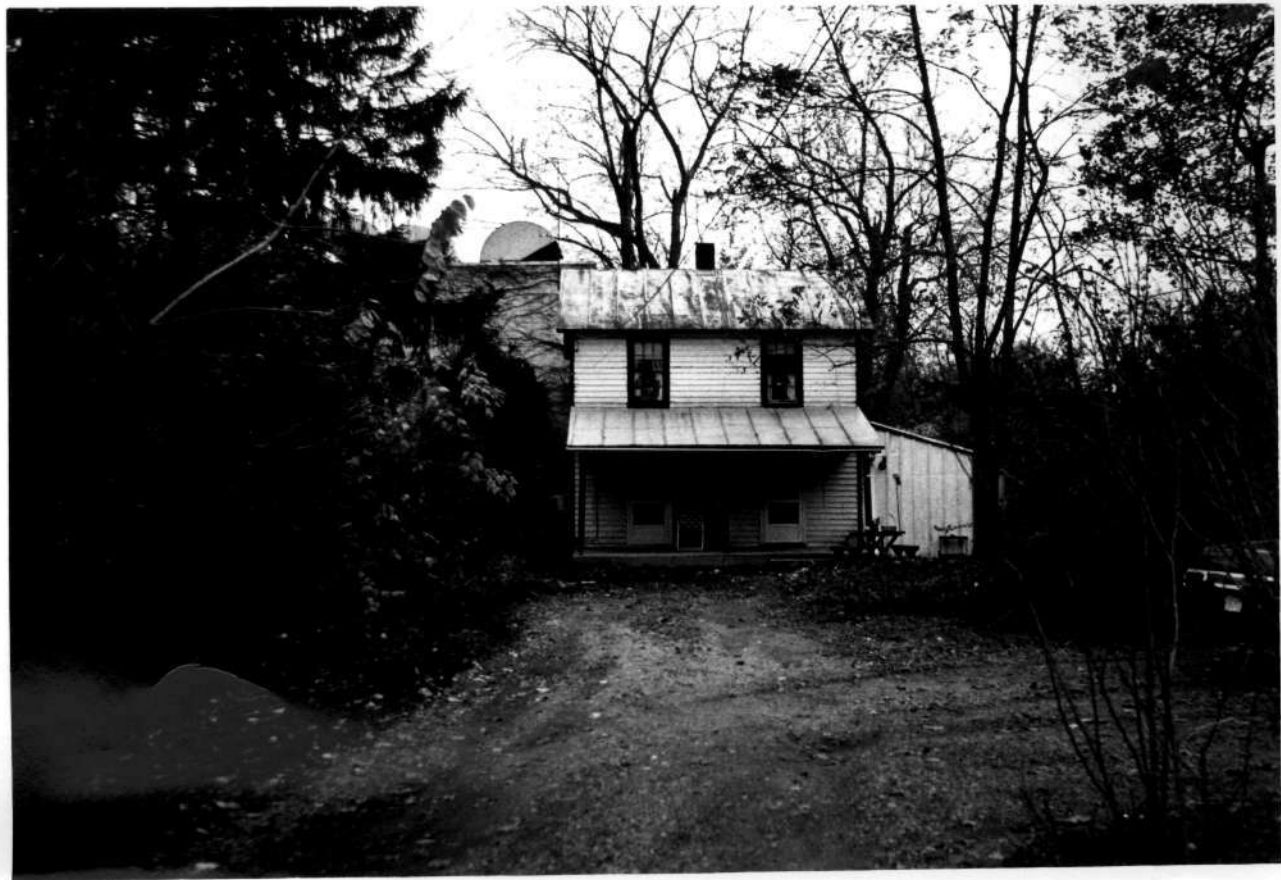


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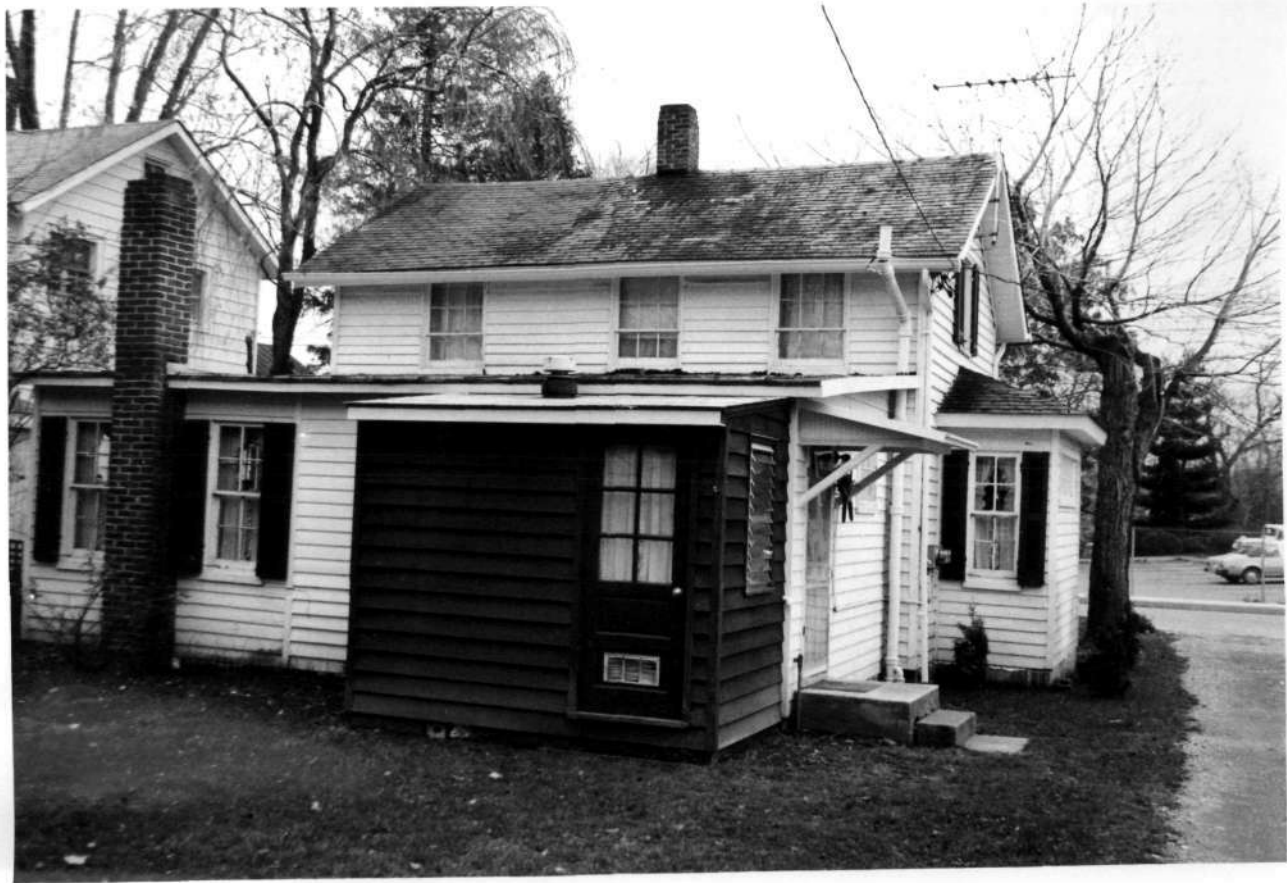
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